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1. DURING MEETING WITH MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG AFTERNOON MARCH 15
(PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTTEL), I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
MY CONCERN ABOUT THE REPORTED DECISION OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED
STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC) TO ISSUE A NOTAM CREATING AN "ADVISORY
AIRSPACE CONTROL AREA" NORTH OF CYPRUS. I POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE
TFSC HAD BEEN CREATED, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD
ASSURED US THAT THERE WERE NO IMPLICATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY.
YET, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I SAID, NOTAM'S ARE ISSUED
ONLY BY SOVEREIGN STATES.

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2. ELEKDAG INTERRUPTED AT THAT POINT TO SAY THAT THE
ADVISORY ZONE NORTH OF CYPRUS HAD BEEN CREATED SIMPLY BECAUSE
THERE HAD BEEN A "VACUUM" IN THE AREA SINCE 1974. THE
NICOSIA FIR HAD STOPPED SERVING THAT AREA AND IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE AIR SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE TFSC HAD DECIDED
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CREATE AN ADVISORY AIRSPACE CONTROL

AREA. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT, AS THE NAME IMPLIES, THE ZONE IS ADVISORY AND THAT AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE AREA CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS SERVICES OR NOT, AS THEY DESIRE.

3. MFA DIRECTOR CYPRUS-GREEK AFFAIRS GUVENDIREN, WHO WAS IN THE MEETING, CONFIRMED THAT UTILIZATION OF THE ADVISORY AIRSPACE SERVICE BEING PROVIDED BY ERCAN AIRPORT WOULD BE OPTIONAL. HE THEN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE REGULAR FLIGHTS FROM TURKEY TO ERCAN HAD UNTIL NOW BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH SOME RISK BECAUSE OF THE UNAVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE AIR CONTROL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. HE SAID THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOT AIRLINE PILOTS HAD THREATENED TO STOP FLYING IF THE ZONE WERE NOT CREATED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT NOW THAT ERCAN HAS ACQUIRED A NIGHT LANDING CAPABILITY, THERE IS A GREATER NEED THAN BEFORE FOR THE COORDINATION PROVIDED BY THE NEWLY CREATED ADVISORY AIRSPACE CONTROL AREA.

4. I THANKED ELEKDAG FOR HIS CLARIFICATION RE THE VOLUNTARY CHARACTER OF THE ADVISORY ZONE. NOT HAVING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT I DECIDED NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER IN THIS SESSION. OUR CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO OTHER SUBJECTS (SEPTELS).
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